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ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

1. (U) The initial discussion has identified several basic considerations which pertain to the question of establishing a special access program to safeguard and manage the US Army CENTER LANE Project. Additional details of that justification are outlined below.

2. (S/CL-2/NOFORN) Building upon the research accomplished in the GRILL FLAME Program, the CENTER LANE Program has made outstanding progress in the area of Remote Viewing. Though CENTER LANE continues to be a research and development effort, it has progressed beyond the realm of the GRILL FLAME effort into an operational collection mode. This is readily evidenced in the number of taskings already undertaken by the project and the degree of success illustrated in those endeavors. Two of the more visible examples of CENTER LANE'S unique sole source collection capability were: 1) identifying the area where BG Dozier was held captive by terrorists in Italy, and 2) verifying the presence of the terrorist leader "Carlos" in the DC area during the time frame of Quadafi's threat to President Reagan. Should the initial successes of the CENTER LANE research continue unabated, this project could provide the US Army with an awesome intelligence collection capability in areas where more traditional methods are limited.

3. (S/CL-1/NOFORN) Public disclosure of the Army's advancement and application of parapsychology, as mentioned previously, would most likely attract widespread media attention and bring about extreme public ridicule. Public ridicule a few years ago forced the CIA to terminate its project in parapsychology which it had just begun work on. If the Army's involvement with Stanford Research Institute - International in California became public knowledge, the Army's interest in parapsychology might easily be compromised. SRI-International is the most renowned and publicized institution in the United States for work in the paranormal. Past DIA, CIA, and NSA involvement with SRI has attracted widespread media attention. Parapsychology is a relatively new and intriguing field of study and thus quick to attract the attention of the media and ensuing public ridicule. To date, public disclosure has centered around the DIA, CIA, NSA, US Navy and the Health Department in the areas of experimentation and one-time attempts at application, if the Army's accomplishments were revealed, it could create a very sensitive political situation and undermine the security of the program.

4. (U) To summarize the analysis of these considerations:

a. (S/CL-1/NOFORN) The unique collection capability of the US Army CENTER LANE Project has been proven on numerous occasions and would be irreplaceable if terminated.

b. (S/CL-1/NOFORN) Public disclosure of the Army CENTER LANE effort at the degree of disclosures the DIA, CIA, and NSA have suffered could severely cripple and/or induce the discreditation of the project through public ridicule and pressure.

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